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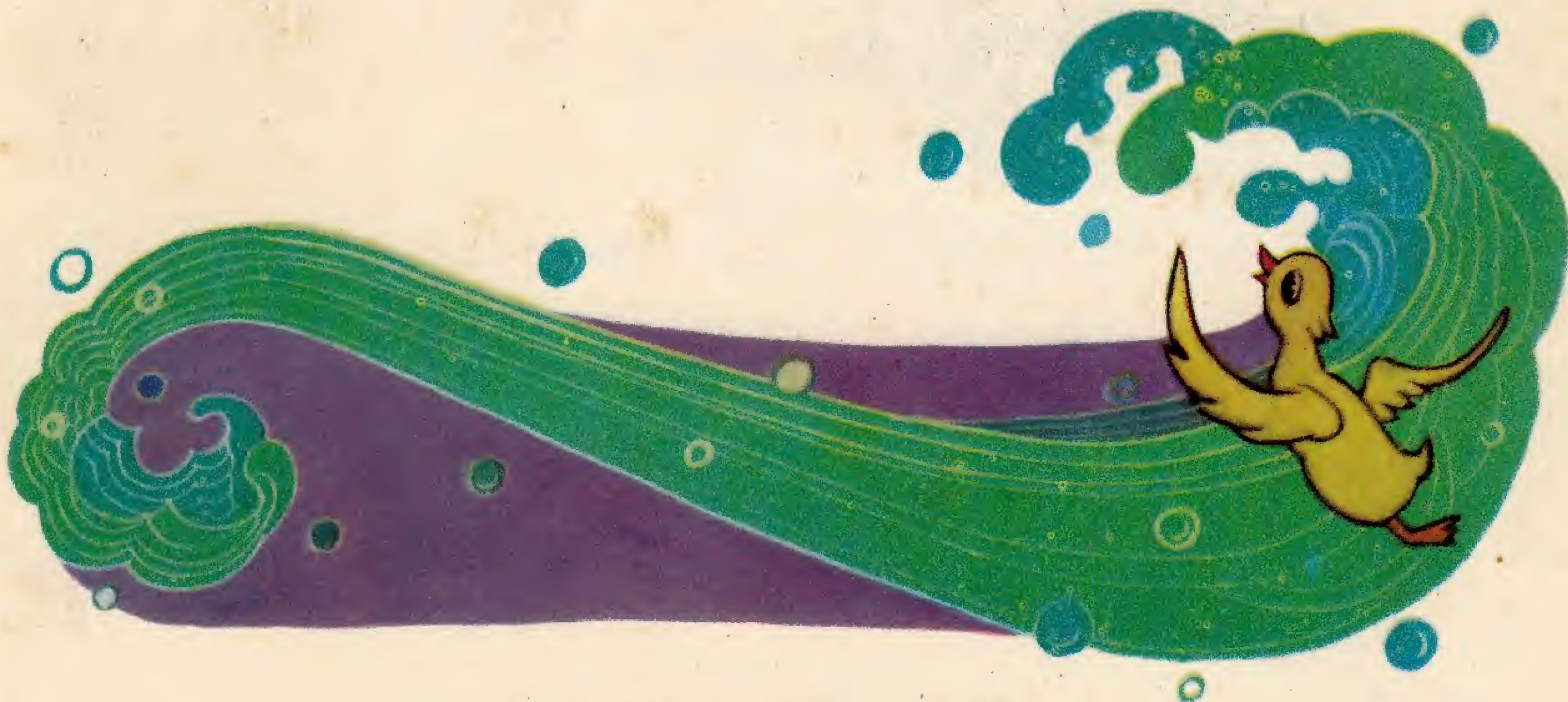
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There was a duck who had five
ducklings. The youngest one
was called Yellow Duckling.





Yellow Duckling's sisters
liked sports but she did not.



One day Mother Duck decided to teach her daughters to swim, but Yellow Duckling was not interested and instead kept on fooling around.

Mother Duck told her children to be brave in the water.



She was happy to see her first
and second daughters follow her
instructions jumping into the water.





Her third and fourth daughters were also brave. They were not afraid of the strong wind and the waves.



But Yellow Duckling, who had
done little physical training,
dared not jump into the water.

Sister Wild Goose flew by and told her to be brave.



With all her courage Yellow Duck-
ling then jumped into the water.





While she was wading through the water something suddenly caught Yellow Duckling's foot. Her heart was beating fast and she cried out, "Snake, water snake!"



Her mother and sisters rushed over
and found that it was nothing more
than a long blade of waterweed.



They all burst into laughter, with Yellow Duckling joining in, too, her cheeks flushed with shame.

Yellow Duckling then made up her mind to become a good swimmer. Every day she practised swimming without fear of the strong wind and the waves.





By summer Yellow Duckling had become strong and skilful in swimming.



It was time for a swimming contest and all the little ducklings and geese gathered to the spot.

As soon as Sister
Wild Goose gave
the signal, the
participants jump-
ed into the water.





Little Goose, swimming ahead of
all the others, looked trium-
phant and was sure she would win.

But Yellow Duckling did not lose hope
and continued to swim with added effort.
At last she surpassed Little Goose.



Everyone was
glad to see that
Yellow Duckling
had won the
championship.





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